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In re the application of: Carlo Rubbia

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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR HEATING GAS  
FROM A THIN LAYER OF NUCLEAR FUEL,  
AND SPACE ENGINE USING SUCH METHOD

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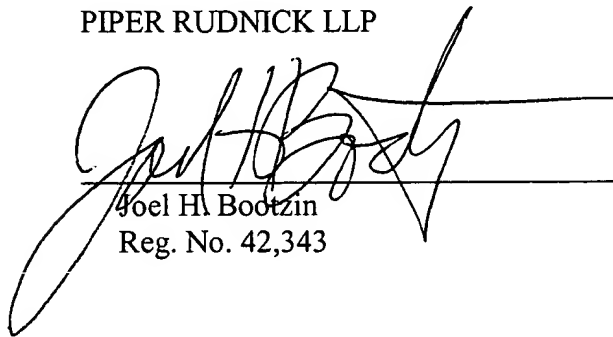
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